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NOTICE OF A MEETING

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
*VIDEO/AUDIO CONFERENCE***

Thursday, April 1, 2021
1:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Erik Janas, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of **March 4, 2021 minutes**
3. **Executive Director’s Report** – William Murdock
4. **Committee Updates**
 - **Nominating Committee** – Chris Amorose Grooms
 - **Regional Policy Roundtable** – Joe Garrity
 - **Sustainability Advisory Committee** – Kerstin Carr
 - **Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization** – Thea Ewing
 - **Transportation Policy Committee** – Thea Ewing
5. **Regional Data Advisory Committee** – Aaron Schill
 - **Proposed Resolution 03-21: “Adoption of MORPC’s 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda”**

6. **Proposed Resolution 04-21:** “Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement for consulting services to perform a Greenspace Visioning Process and Community Outreach” – Kerstin Carr
7. **Proposed Resolution EC-01-21:** “Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected audio/visual vendor(s) for purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment for the MORPC office renovation” – Shawn Hufstedler
8. Draft Commission Agenda
9. Other Business

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**The next Executive Committee Meeting is
Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.
Audio/Video Conference**



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2021
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Video/Audio Conference

Members Present

Chris Amorose Groomes
Karen Angelou
Jeff Benton
Franklin Christman

Jennifer Gallagher
Erik Janas
Greg Lestini
Kim Maggard

Rory McGuinness
David Scheffler
Joe Stefanov
Nancy White

MORPC Staff Present

Kerstin Carr
Thea Ewing
Joe Garrity
Ted Geer
Shawn Hufstedler

Niel Jurist
Amanda McEldowney
William Murdock
Shari Saunders
Aaron Schill

Bevan Schneck
Susan Tsen
Robert Williams

Welcome – Erik Janas

Executive Committee Chair Erik Janas called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Chair Janas shared the announcement sent earlier in the week that Mayor Kim Maggard is the recipient of the 2021 William H. Anderson Award that recognizes a current or past board member who exemplifies outstanding leadership vision for the community and the region and a commitment to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Chair Janas and committee members congratulated and thanked Mayor Maggard for her work for MORPC and the region.

Consent Agenda

Kim Maggard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Nancy White; motion passed.

Executive Director's Report – William Murdock

William Murdock added his congratulations for Mayor Maggard.

Mr. Murdock announced that later this evening the City of Columbus is holding a public hearing regarding their Vision Zero Action Plan of which MORPC is a proud supporter. Columbus is the first community to move forward with a Vision Zero plan. Jennifer Gallagher shared that the goal of the two-year action plan is to reduce and eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes by 2035. Strategies include education, speed reduction, infrastructure change, design manual change, etc. Mr. Murdock commended Ms. Gallagher for her championship of Vision Zero.

MORPC continues to follow-up on the board diversity and representation work presented last month.

With the changing environment in Washington with U.S. DOT, MORPC has procured a retainer with Gabe Klein for a couple months to help advise, make connections, and look for opportunities for MORPC members.

MORPC office staff will continue to work remotely and hold no in-person meetings until at least April 30. A number of Residential Services Team Members are in the field. We are getting the building ready for return to office work. Team Members will be going in one-by-one to unpack and prepare their workstations. We are closely monitoring vaccination availability and what

other major work partners arounds us are doing. We are excited to begin the transition to safely return to the office.

MORPC Bylaws allow emergency benefits changes if necessary. Through 2020 we had federally required emergency sick leave for COVID-19 illness or care. That requirement expired at the end of 2020. Since then, we had several situations with employees that we decided to exercise the emergency benefit clause and reinstate it temporarily for the duration of COVID. Per our process we conferred with the officers and are reporting it to the Executive Committee. The temporary change will sunset with either enactment of a federal requirement or the conclusion of the pandemic emergency.

Tours of the new office space have begun. Most of the construction work is concluded. We are now working on audiovisual, lighting, and unpacking (which will take the most time at this point). The goal is to be ready to go when the health situation allows us to hold meetings again. Karen Angelou and Erik Janas toured the building and commented on design, meeting space availability, acoustics and connectivity. Mr. Murdock thanked Shawn Hufstedler and his team for their work.

Mr. Murdock thanked those who were able to participate in last Friday's housing session for the Strategic Framework. The broadband session is tomorrow and a member resources session is in April. Mr. Murdock encouraged members to attend the sessions. MORPC appreciates the feedback as it informs our work. He thanked Thea Ewing for leading the project and Kerstin Carr, Robert Williams and Aaron Schill for facilitating the sessions.

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) of Columbus, Metro Parks, and MORPC are working together on the Rapid 5 project to look at the stream corridors at the core of the region and see if we can bring new vision to them, new connections, low hanging fruit ideas, and big ideas around development and equity. Over \$300,000 has been raised in public/private support. Mr. Murdock thanked Kerstin Carr for her work and helping make this a reality.

Next week there will be an announcement regarding the formation of the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition. MORPC is a co-lead on this opportunity to connect different efforts across the region around digital access, digital literacy, broadband infrastructure, and more. Aaron Schill is leading the effort for MORPC. The Columbus Metropolitan Club will focus on this next week. There will also be some press and media about it next week.

The next phase of our partnership with Ohio University (OU) is coming together. The OU Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs created the Voinovich Academy for Governing Essentials for Elected Officials which is a short, focused way to learn about the fundamentals that go with elected office. Jay Johnson from Ohio University will share more at the Commission meeting.

The State of the Region is March 31. Mr. Murdock encouraged members to register. Keynote speaker Jonathan Rose is talking about well-tempered communities.

Nominating Committee – Chris Amorose Groomes

Chris Amorose Groomes reported the Nominating Committee memo was included in the meeting materials. She thanked fellow Nominating Committee members Mike Schadek, Nancy White, Franklin Christman and Jeff Benton. The committee reviewed the terms of Executive

Committee members. There are no present vacancies. The committee recommends continuation of the existing executive board and their appropriate term sequence. Recommendations will be presented to the Commission March 11 and voted on April 8.

Regional Data Advisory Committee – Aaron Schill

Aaron Schill reported the Regional Data Advisory Committee met March 2 with two new members: Drew Williams from the City of Columbus and Christina Drummond from Educopia Institute, a private nonprofit. The committee approved the updated Regional Data Agenda that the committee will carry forward and will frame priorities over the next couple years. The agenda will be presented to the Commission next month.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Kerstin Carr

Kerstin Carr reported the Regional Sustainability Agenda update is in the final stages. They are doing outreach to diverse population groups for additional feedback on goals and strategies. The goal is to present the agenda to the Sustainability Advisory Committee in April for their adoption and then to the Commission in May or June.

MORPC is in the process of selecting an air quality forecasting consultant. We have been doing this since 2001 to ensure we can provide the public with timely and accurate daily air quality forecasts. There will be a resolution on the Commission agenda this month.

Regional Policy Roundtable – Joe Garrity

Joe Garrity reported MORPC has met with 11 state legislators to promote the Public Policy Agenda and discuss other legislation within our broad scope of the agenda.

The central point of advocacy recently has been the State Transportation Budget. Mr. Murdock submitted testimony focused on four issues:

- Transit funding
- Transportation safety
- Investing in rural Ohio
- Trail funding

On the federal level, the Executive Officers and key staff met with Reps. Stivers, Balderson and Beatty. The COVID relief bill passed the House last week and should move out of the Senate by March 14.

The Columbus Region Coalition is holding an event March 15-16 promoting regional efforts and working to develop better relationships with the Biden Administration.

Last week the House Appropriations Committee announced a proposal for structuring a return to earmarks. Under the plan, earmarks would make up no more than one percent of overall discretionary spending. Lawmakers can submit no more than ten project requests and the requests would need to be backed-up with evidence from their committees. This week the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee intends to provide opportunities for members to submit requests for highway and transit project designations. Detailed information on how to submit projects will be announced later in March. Documentation for potential earmarked projects must be on the state Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Metropolitan TIP.

Thea Ewing announced MORPC Team Members will be performing due diligence in assisting members in:

- finding projects that already exist in our TIP or RTIP
- preparing TIP Amendments for projects that need to be added or edited

Ideally projects in our Competitive Advantage Projects would be the best fit for seeking earmarks.

Mr. Garrity will verify if members can pursue a discretionary grant as well as an earmark. Mr. Garrity will research how much is one percent of the discretionary budget.

Transportation Policy Committee – Thea Ewing

The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) commits ODOT funding for major new capacity projects. TRAC will be seeking applications during March. This is typically done in summer to fall. TRAC suspended the 2020 round, but applicants can edit or renew 2020 applications this round. 2020 projects submitted to TRAC by MORPC:

- Big Walnut Interchange
- Far East Freeway: Phases 2 and 3
- I-270 and US-23 Interchange
- US-33 at Pickerington Road and Allen Road
- Far East I-70 at Taylor Road & SR-256

MORPC's Attributable Funds program was featured in a Business First article March 3. The article did a great job combining LinkUs and MORPC Attributable Funds. We are accepting public comments on our projects through March 28. A total of more than \$211 million in future funding commitments is being proposed over 39 projects. This includes 12 new projects that make up more than \$77 million. All projects take place during state fiscal years 2022 to 2027. Final approval of the funding commitments will be presented May 31 and will subsequently be incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Program via TIP Amendment.

Proposed Resolution 01-21: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into agreement with Kegler, Brown, Hill + Ritter Co., L.P.A. to provide professional services for state government relations services for the Central Ohio Region” – Joe Garrity

David Scheffler made a motion to approve Resolution 01-21, second by Rory McGuiness; motion passed.

Draft Commission Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft March 11, 2021 Commission Meeting Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: Chris Amorose Groomes, Nominating Committee Chair

DATE: March 11, 2021

SUBJECT: **Nomination of Executive Committee Members**

Background:

In accordance with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Articles of Agreement, the Commission will be notified at least five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting as to the nominees for MORPC's Officers and Executive Committee members.

The Nominating Committee excerpt from the Articles is as follows:

"At least twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting, the chair shall appoint the Nominating Committee. Said Nominating Committee having been duly appointed and confirmed shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting of the COMMISSION, report the names of the candidates so nominated to the secretary. The secretary shall advise each member of the COMMISSION, in writing, at least five (5) days prior to the annual meeting as to the nominees so selected. At the annual meeting, the chair of the Nominating Committee shall report the names so nominated. After this report is presented, nominations from the floor shall be invited. Such nominations must be seconded. The secretary then shall prepare ballots properly identifying the nominees, said ballots shall be distributed and tallied during the annual meeting by a temporary committee appointed for that purpose."

The Nominating Committee Members:

As noted at the December 10, 2020 Commission meeting, Commission Chair Karen Angelou has appointed five members of the Nominating Committee.

- Chris Amorose Groomes, Committee Chair, City of Dublin
- Jeff Benton, Delaware County
- Mike Schadek, City of Columbus
- Franklin Christman, Village of Ashville
- Nancy White, Mifflin Township

Review of Current Members of Executive Committee:

Several Executive Committee positions do not have expiring terms this year and therefore require no action by the Nominating Committee. For information, these are listed below:

- 1) **Immediate Past Chair:** Rory McGuiness, (2012) City of Columbus
 - 2) **In second year of current two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2022)**
 - a) Michelle Crandall (2020), City Manager, City of Hilliard
 - b) David Scheffler (2020), Mayor, City of Lancaster
 - c) Greg Lestini (2018), Bricker & Eckler LLP, Attorney, Franklin County representative
 - d) Franklin Christman (2018), Administrator, Village of Ashville
 - e) Chris Amorose Grooms (2018), Mayor, City of Dublin
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Nominating Committee Recommendations:

The Nominating Committee convened on January 28, and made the following recommendations for Officer positions and Executive Committee positions, which will be reported at the March 11, 2021 Commission meeting and considered at the April 8, 2021 Commission meeting:

The nominees for Officers for renewed one-year Officer Terms (expires 2022)

- **Chair:** Karen Angelou, Council Member, City of Gahanna
- **Vice-Chair:** Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
- **Secretary:** Chris Amorose Grooms, Mayor, City of Dublin

The nominees for Executive Committee are:

- 1) **For renewal of one-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2022)**
 - a) Joe Stefanov (2008), Chair of Building Committee, City Manager, City of New Albany
 - b) Karen Angelou (2014), Chair of MORPC, Council Member, City of Gahanna
 - c) Kim Maggard (2015), Chair of Reserve & Investment Advisory Committee, Mayor, City of Whitehall
 - 2) **For a new two-year Executive Committee Term (expires 2023)**
 - a) None
 - 3) **For renewal of two-year Executive Committee Terms (expires 2023):**
 - a) Jennifer Gallagher (2017), Director, Department of Public Service, City of Columbus
 - b) Erik Janas (2017), Deputy County Administrator, Franklin County
 - c) Jeff Benton (2019), Commissioner, Delaware County
 - d) Nancy White (2017), Administrator, Mifflin Township
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Notes:

- 1) The year after each name refers to the first year of the member's current service on the Executive Committee. For example, Joe Smith (2017) means that Joe Smith's first term began in 2017 and he has served continuously since then.
- 2) Per the bylaws, Executive Committee members may serve up to three consecutive two-year terms. One-year extensions are available if serving as an officer or committee chair.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: Aaron Schill, Director, Data & Mapping

DATE: March 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 03-21: **“Adoption of MORPC’s 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda”**

This resolution formally adopts the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda. The Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) collaborated to create a robust and well-defined agenda centered around data. It comprises six overarching goals and 23 objectives that directly represent the interests and concerns of Central Ohio.

The Regional Data Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the final 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda at its March 2, 2021 meeting.

The 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda serves as a framework for MORPC's staff and members to guide the future of data activities in the region. The Regional Data Agenda identifies specific projects to be undertaken to support the overarching data objectives and MORPC's role around data in the region.

The RDAC agreed to a two-year timeframe for the Regional Data Agenda to ensure that the goals, objectives, and action items remain relevant and appropriate to a rapidly changing data and technology landscape. Prioritization of work within the existing agenda will be reviewed and updated on a continual basis; however, at the end of the two-year timeframe, the full agenda will be reviewed, edited, and re-written as necessary.

Attachment: Resolution 03-21

RESOLUTION 03-21

“Adoption of MORPC's 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda”

WHEREAS, members of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Board and the Regional Data Advisory Committee collaborated to create a robust and well-defined 2019-2020 Regional Data Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Regional Data Agenda was adopted by MORPC Members on October 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Data Agenda is in need of update and revision to support MORPC's ongoing vision of a diverse community of local governments and stakeholders collaborating on data-related practices, opportunities, and tools to support regional growth and vitality in the Central Ohio region; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda provides a framework for the goals and objectives that guide MORPC's Regional Data Advisory Committee, working groups, members, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Goal 1 is “In its role as a convener and facilitator, MORPC will foster collaboration among local governments, partners, and stakeholders to enhance the use of data in Central Ohio”; and

WHEREAS, Goal 2 is “MORPC will support and provide opportunities for data capacity building and education that increase both the human and technological capabilities of the Region”; and

WHEREAS, Goal 3 is “MORPC will promote good data governance and practices that protect local governments and their citizens, and adapt to the evolving data and technology landscape”; and

WHEREAS, Goal 4 is “MORPC will continually innovate in its role as a data creator, user, and provider through ongoing data procurement and development”; and

WHEREAS, Goal 5 is “MORPC will advance regional digital equity and broadband infrastructure development efforts that work to provide connectivity and technology to all Central Ohio residents”; and

WHEREAS, Goal 6 is “MORPC will serve as a model for data access, inclusion, and equity, ensuring the benefits and opportunities data can create are extended to all Central Ohio residents”; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is committed to furthering data initiatives that contribute to the overall health, quality of life and economic prosperity of the region; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That it supports and adopts the 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda.

Section 2. That the Executive Director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 3. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: April 8, 2021
Submitted by: Aaron Schill, Director, Data and Mapping
Prepared by: Aaron Schill, Director, Data and Mapping
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
For action date: April 8, 2021
Attachment: 2021-2022 Regional Data Agenda

REGIONAL DATA AGENDA 2021-2022



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REGIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Under the guidance of the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC), the Regional Data Agenda is the guiding document for MORPC's work pertaining to data, mapping, and digital infrastructure.



MISSION

The RDAC advances data policies and strategic actions to increase access to open data in Central Ohio.



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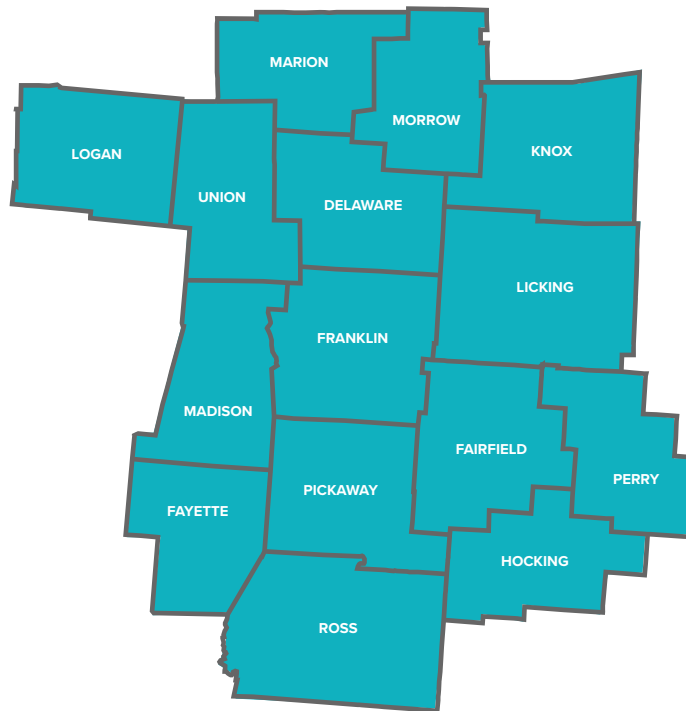
Central Ohio is a leader in using data to improve the quality of life for all residents.



MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is Central Ohio's regional council for more than 70 members comprised of counties, cities, villages, townships, and regional organizations. We take pride in bringing communities of all sizes and interests together to collaborate on best practices and plan for the future of our growing region.

MORPC'S SERVICE AREA



WHAT WE DO:

- Serve as Central Ohio's regional council and leadership forum for shared regional challenges and best practices
- Convene local governments to plan, prioritize, and advance strategic transportation and infrastructure projects and investments
- Assist as a regional information hub with demographics, maps, tools, and data to inform decisions
- Provide technical assistance to communities with sustainability programs, growth planning, residential services, and shared solutions
- Work alongside community leaders, residents, and partner organizations to effectively represent the collective voice of our region on public policy

GOAL 1: In its role as a convener and facilitator, MORPC will FOSTER COLLABORATION among local governments, partners, and stakeholders to enhance the use of data in Central Ohio.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM/INDICATOR
1.1 Convene meetings of local government staff responsible for creating and maintaining the region's data resources.	<p>1.1.1 Host quarterly meetings of the Central Ohio GIS Users Group (COGUG).</p> <p>1.1.2 Host quarterly meetings of Central Ohio Systems Management Organizational Sharing (COSMOS).</p> <p>1.1.3 Host quarterly meetings of the Regional Data and Information Group (RIDG).</p>
1.2 Support the creation and integration of local and regional open data resources.	<p>1.2.1 Maintain and expand the data and mapping resources available through MORPC's</p> <p>1.2.2 Mid-Ohio Open Data (MOOD) site.</p> <p>1.2.3 Increase the number of data providers that operate or provide their data to open data portals.</p> <p>1.2.4 Create a linked inventory of open data portals that are relevant to Central Ohio data users.</p> <p>1.2.5 Provide guidance to local governments in the creation and management of open data resources.</p>
1.3 Expand MORPC's data partnerships with other organizations.	<p>1.3.1 Document and communicate the nature of MORPC's data partnerships with different organizations (this should build on MORPC's <u>Identifying Central Ohio Data User Audiences</u> research).</p> <p>1.3.2 Establish MORPC as a partner representing Columbus in the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership.</p> <p>1.3.3 Identify data partnership targets and establish at least two new "Tier 1" data partners (see <u>Identifying Central Ohio Data User Audiences</u>).</p> <p>1.3.4 Feature current and prospective data partner spotlights at RDAC meetings.</p> <p>1.3.5 Build partnerships with associations of Central Ohio data leaders, such as the Central Ohio CIO Forum, Columbus CDO Forum, Women in Analytics, and Black Tech Columbus.</p>
1.4 Promote data-centered local decision-making.	<p>1.4.1 Develop best-practice case studies on how data can be used to make better policy decisions.</p>

GOAL 2: MORPC will support and provide opportunities for data CAPACITY BUILDING & EDUCATION that increase both the human and technological capabilities of the region.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM/INDICATOR
2.1 Develop a MORPC Data Academy that builds technical capacity for defined user groups/target audiences.	<p>2.1.1 Develop different tracks and curricula for different audiences (basic data literacy, effective data storytelling, etc.).</p> <p>2.1.2 Identify community partners and funders to ensure broad access and participation.</p> <p>2.1.3 Hold one MORPC Data Academy.</p>
2.2 Connect local governments to the civic tech community by organizing and participating in hackathon and mapathon events.	<p>2.2.1 MORPC staff to sponsor a use case or serve as a judge for at least one hackathon or other civic tech event.</p> <p>2.2.2 Work with a partner organization to host a hackathon or mapathon event focused on local government and issues of regional significance.</p>
2.3 Establish a regional Data Day to promote data education and access throughout Central Ohio.	<p>2.3.1 Build funding support and partnerships for a one-day, data-focused event.</p> <p>2.3.2 Host a regional Data Day.</p>
2.4 Proactively support and produce communications that promote data literacy and awareness of Central Ohio data resources.	<p>2.4.1 Demonstrate the value of regional data through a series of blog posts or news stories analyzing important regional trends.</p> <p>2.4.2 Host in-person and virtual events to highlight available data resources and enhance data literacy.</p> <p>2.4.3 Develop templates and best practices for local governments to improve communications using data.</p> <p>2.4.4 Capitalize on MORPC's existing communications channels to increase messaging about data resources and practices.</p> <p>2.4.5 Review MORPC's digital and print materials to ensure they demonstrate good data communications practices.</p>
2.5 Pursue projects and initiatives that keep Central Ohio at the forefront of data and technology innovation.	<p>2.5.1 Support innovation in Central Ohio by maintaining a leadership role with Smart Columbus and seeking opportunities to collaborate.</p> <p>2.5.2 Pursue one new project per year that advances MORPC's data analytics or technological capacity.</p>

GOAL 3: MORPC will promote good data GOVERNANCE & PRACTICES that protect local governments and their citizens, and adapt to the evolving data and technology landscape.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM/INDICATOR
3.1 Encourage the adoption of good data policies by member communities.	<p>3.1.1 Conduct an audit of MORPC's current data governance policies.</p> <p>3.1.2 Implement new, comprehensive data governance policies for MORPC to serve as a model for local governments.</p> <p>3.1.3 Compile best practices for data governance.</p> <p>3.1.4 Publish a data governance, management, and security toolkit for local governments.</p> <p>3.1.5 Advocate for data-driven policy formation and decision-making in local governments.</p>
3.2 Partner with the Regional Policy Roundtable to advocate for strong, open, and inclusive data policies and funding at the federal and state levels.	<p>3.2.1 Continue to monitor federal and state legislation for data-related public policies.</p> <p>3.2.2 When appropriate, provide testimony or other input to legislators to further the goals set forth in the Regional Data Agenda.</p>
3.3 Track and develop guidance on emerging data policy issues.	<p>3.3.1 Maintain a list of emerging data issues that are important to local governments (e.g., revenue generation from data, incorporating blockchain into local government, etc.).</p> <p>3.3.2 Solicit expert guidance to ensure RDAC members are up-to-date on emerging issues.</p> <p>3.3.3 Publish briefings/fact sheets on emerging issues for MORPC members.</p>
3.4 Promote standardization of data across local governments in Central Ohio.	<p>3.4.1 Develop and encourage adoption of standard schemas, when appropriate, for common datasets that are collected by local governments across the region.</p>

GOAL 4: MORPC will continually innovate in its role as a data creator, user, and provider through ongoing DATA PROCUREMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM/INDICATOR
4.1 Inventory and structure MORPC's data resources to improve usability, eliminate redundancy, and enhance coordination with other data providers.	<p>4.1.1 Create a comprehensive inventory of datasets that MORPC maintains.</p> <p>4.1.2 Develop a new internal data structure that makes data more discoverable and accessible to MORPC staff and easier to share with external users.</p>
4.2 Identify priority data discovery areas – new datasets that are important to MORPC's work and to the region.	<p>4.2.1 Regularly survey local governments and other partners to identify new data needs.</p> <p>4.2.2 Maintain a prioritized list of regionally important data discovery topics to pursue.</p> <p>4.2.3 As project needs require, pursue new sources and formats of data.</p>
4.3 Create and maintain regional datasets that are populated by local governments.	<p>4.3.1 Expand the regional mapping datasets that MORPC currently maintains (address points, centerlines, bikeways, sidewalks) by adding new community editors.</p> <p>4.3.2 Create one new regional mapping dataset.</p>
4.4 Increase the amount, diversity, and efficiency of MORPC's data collection through automation.	<p>4.4.1 Partner with local governments to automate the collection of development tracking data, including building permits, and development proposals, approvals and denials.</p> <p>4.4.2 Develop scripting to automate the collection and processing of frequently used datasets.</p>

GOAL 5: MORPC will advance regional DIGITAL EQUITY & BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT efforts that work to provide connectivity and technology to all Central Ohio residents.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM/INDICATOR
5.1 Promote broadband access and adoption for all Central Ohio residents.	5.1.1 Establish Central Ohio as the first region in the country recognized as a Digital Inclusion Trailblazer by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance. 5.1.2 Improve mapping of broadband coverage across the Central Ohio region. 5.1.3 Support projects and funding that bring broadband to unserved and underserved areas (especially rural and low-income urban areas).
5.2 Encourage the construction of digital infrastructure through existing and new funding sources.	5.2.1 Pursue and support local government efforts to secure state and federal funding to build digital infrastructure, particularly in unserved and underserved areas.
5.3 Build capacity and collaboration in Central Ohio to address digital equity needs.	5.3.1 Serve in a leadership role on the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition. 5.3.2 Work with the Ohio Association of Regional Councils to define a role for regional councils in working on digital equity needs.

GOAL 6: MORPC will serve as a model for DATA ACCESS, INCLUSION, & EQUITY, ensuring the benefits and opportunities data can create are extended to all Central Ohio residents. *(Equity is a fundamental value underpinning all of MORPC's work. As such, all of MORPC's data work and all components of the agenda are undertaken with an emphasis on racial and social equity.)*

OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM/INDICATOR
6.1 Track data related to MORPC's agency-wide diversity and inclusion efforts.	6.1.1 Support efforts to track MORPC's internal diversity & inclusion priorities. 6.1.2 Maintain and update information in MORPC's Central Ohio Diversity Snapshot.
6.2 Develop tools and services that enhance the ability of users with varying skill levels to access and benefit from data about Central Ohio.	6.2.1 Expand on user experience research and user acceptance testing to improve understanding of our audiences' needs and capabilities. 6.2.2 Research best practices on making data resources accessible to audiences with low data literacy. 6.2.3 Ensure all MORPC data resources follow state-of-the-practice standards for developing accessible technology. 6.2.4 Create community partnerships to provide free/reduced-cost data and mapping services to underserved populations. 6.2.5 Utilize MORPC's data resources to understand and address social equity issues in Central Ohio (e.g., income disparity, housing affordability, etc.).
6.3 Reduce the detrimental effects of implicit bias in MORPC's data collection, analyses, and products.	6.3.1 Research and adopt methods for assessing and, when possible, correcting for implicit biases in datasets with which MORPC works. 6.3.2 Develop guidance to help local governments understand and evaluate biases that exist in data.



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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: Kerstin Carr, Director
Planning & Sustainability

DATE: March 29, 2021

SUBJECT: **Proposed Resolution 04-21: “Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement for consulting services to perform a Greenways Visioning Process and Community Outreach”**

Central Ohio has an extensive waterway system. Historically, access to these resources has been unevenly distributed, remained disconnected from a larger system, and many waterways have suffered environmental damage. Over the past decades, individual jurisdictions, Metro Parks, and Central Ohio Greenways have made dramatic improvements through trail expansion and conservation efforts which in return have resulted in better water quality.

Central Ohio now has the opportunity to create a comprehensive vision for these waterways and build on the existing work that has been done over the years with a goal to create one of the largest interconnected greenspace systems in the country. This vision will have the potential to redefine the region and connect our residents with an extensive park and trail network unparalleled in the nation. A reimagined greenspace system in Central Ohio will connect our community to the many beautiful natural resources and particularly enhance connections to our disadvantaged neighborhoods to increase their quality of life. The implementation of such a system has the potential for residents to move around the region for commuting, recreation, and other activities along more diverse greenspaces, equitable connectivity to greenspace, and better linkage from neighborhoods to job centers through greenspace.

ULI Columbus has partnered with MORPC to initiate and lead the RAPID 5 project. ULI Columbus and MORPC have a long history of collaborating on regional initiatives, such as insight2050 and insight2050 Corridor Concepts, and to bring non-profit, public, and private partners together. Over the past two months, ULI Columbus and MORPC have collectively raised over \$400,000 and expect to reach up to \$500,000 in funding. A large part of that funding will be used to support the first phase of the visioning process. Another part will support the communications and outreach efforts. MORPC will administer the consultant or consultant team who will perform this visioning project, along with a steering committee.

Attachment: Resolution 04-21

RESOLUTION 04-21

“Authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement for consulting services to perform a Greenspace Visioning Process and Community Outreach”

WHEREAS, ULI Columbus and MORPC have a long history of partnering on regional initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Central Ohio has an impressive waterways system that has the potential to redefine the region and connect our community with an extensive greenspace system unparalleled anywhere else; and

WHEREAS, ULI Columbus, in partnership with MORPC, is working with local governments, businesses, and residents to create this vision for an interconnected open space system that spans Franklin County and connects all residents; and

WHEREAS, several MORPC members, organizations, and businesses have committed funding to a visioning process; and

WHEREAS, MORPC will serve as the project administrator and contract with the consultant(s) to oversee and perform this visioning process; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to accept funding for and enter into an agreement with a qualified consultant or consultants for up to \$500,000 to conduct the visioning process and any related outreach and communications.
- Section 2. That the executive director is authorized to approve one or more extensions for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and change orders for amounts up to the financial authorization levels in the MORPC bylaws without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Karen Angelou, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Effective date: April 8, 2021
Submitted by: Kerstin Carr, Director of Planning & Sustainability
Prepared by: Kerstin Carr, Director of Planning & Sustainability
Authority: Ohio Revised Code Section 713.21
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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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Officers and Board Members

FROM: Shawn Hufstедler
Chief of Staff & Director of Operations

DATE: March 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution EC-01-21: **“Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected audio/visual vendor(s) for purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment for the MORPC office renovation”**

This resolution authorizes the executive director to enter into contract with one or more audio/visual equipment vendors to purchase and install audio/visual equipment related to the space planning project.

MORPC contracted with SHYFT Collective, a construction and project management firm, and M+A Architects to develop plans for the space planning project. With the work from home environment during the pandemic, the MORPC team moved forward with office renovations to best make use of the time while team members are already out of the office. This audio/visual work is part of that process.

The total spent on audio/visual equipment is not expected to exceed \$220,000.

The audio/visual equipment purchase is a planned part of the budget. As the contract(s) will likely be greater than \$75,000 for the equipment, staff are seeking Executive Committee approval to proceed.

Attachment: Resolution EC-01-21

RESOLUTION EC-01-21

“Authorizing the executive director to contract with the selected audio/visual vendor(s) for purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment for the MORPC office renovation”

WHEREAS, MORPC contracted with SHYFT Collective, a construction and project management firm, and M+A Architects to develop plans for the MORPC space planning project; and

WHEREAS, with the current work from home environment, the MORPC team moved forward with office renovations to best make use of the time while team members are already out of the office; and

WHEREAS, suitable vendor(s) will be selected under MORPC’s procurement policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 budget included these funds for the space planning project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That the executive director is hereby authorized to enter into agreement(s) for the purchase and installation of new audio/visual equipment for the MORPC office renovation up to \$220,000.
- Section 2. That the executive director is hereby authorized to approve one or more extensions of time not to exceed 180 days in the aggregate for performance of services under the foregoing agreements and contract changes not to exceed 15 percent of the total agreement price without further authorization from this Commission.
- Section 3. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 4. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.

Erik J. Janas, Chair
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Effective date: April 1, 2021
Submitted by: Shawn Hufstedler, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations
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